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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Why do I have to keep writing letters like this? Cutting off competition in the broadband business is no better an idea now than it was before.

Broadband access is essential to my business and the availability of fiber speeds from Sonic came at a critical time. I first went to my prior broadband providers, cable and DSL, and despite their longstanding presence, dominance of the market, and constant price increases, neither of these tech curmudgeons could offer the speeds I needed. Sonic could and did -- and without emptying my pockets. This kind of competition propels American achievement and standing in the world.

If there's any last vestige of integrity at the FCC, if there's anyone there not a soul-sworn minion of the Verizon implant, if there's anyone there who feels the least compunction whatever to serve the interests of the national good and hundreds of millions of Americans rather than the few, stop this thinly veiled, anti-competitive, abuse by those whose already excessive privilege has made them dull and lazy.

If you serve the interests of the country, you cannot here bow down and serve those who saddle this nation with inferior broadband at exorbitant prices.

Thank you for your consideration.

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